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### **Parks Ranger District Plans Prescribed Burns Near Big Creek Lakes**

**(Walden, CO. - March 16, 2012)** – The Parks Ranger District is planning to conduct prescribed burning near Big Creek Lakes, approximately 15 miles west of Cowdrey, Colo. Managed ignitions to reduce fuels on approximately 575 acres around the Big Creek Lakes Summer Home Group as well as the communities of Twisty Park and Pearl may begin as early as March 21 and continue through Saturday March 24.

“Prescribed burning in this area is part of the larger *Big Creek Fuels Reduction Project* which had complimentary mechanical treatments completed last year,” according to Parks District Ranger Mike Wright.

Prescribed fires are only allowed to proceed under specific weather conditions and fire managers will cease operations in the event that conditions change unexpectedly. During active burning, smoke may be visible from Colorado State Highway 125, Wyoming State Highway 230 and Cowdrey.

In the event that conditions do not allow burning to be implemented at this time, fire managers will monitor weather conditions and look for other opportunities this spring to complete these burns. For more information about these prescribed fire activities contact Felix Valdez, Assistant Fire Management Officer for the Parks Ranger District, at 970-723-2727.

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